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There are 5,548 licensed dealers in the State. The consumption of wheat is being popularised in the rice consuming areas.

The Department is entrusted with the implementation of the Food Grains Dealers Licensing Order, Sugar Control Order, 1963, Gur (Control, Order, 1963. A monthly quota of 9,000 tonnes of sugar is being allotted to the State by the Government of India. This is allocated among the several districts keeping in view the requirements of the several areas on *per capita* basis and the distribution is being done through the Co-operative Societies, other institutions and private recognised dealers. There are 692 licensed wholesale sugar dealers in all in the State of whom 335 are co-operative societies, 64 other institutions and 293 other licensees. There are 4,387 authorised retail sugar dealers of whom 2,068 are Co-operative Societies, 272 other institutions and 2,047 other authorised private retail dealers.

According to the Gur Control Order promulgated by the Government of India with effect from 31st October 1963, monthly export and import quotas allotted by the Government of India are being distributed to several districts of the State. For the month of February 1964, the Government of India have allotted an export quota of 5,500 tonnes of gur to be exported to the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Kerala. The Government of India have also allotted an import quota of 1,000 tonnes of gur from Madras and Andhra Pradesh to be secured by direct negotiations between this State and those two States.

The State Government are encouraging well managed Co-operative Societies to purchase paddy/rice in the open market so as to have a buffer stock for release at a later period when there is an indication of upward trend of prices in the market.

ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT

Five sets of Acts are prevailing in the several areas of the State.

A draft uniform law applicable to all the areas of Mysore State has been introduced in the Legislature and the Bill has been referred to a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses of the Legislature.

MUSLIM WAKFS' BOARD

Government in their Order No. RD. 8 CWF 61, dated 2nd December 1961 sanctioned the scheme of Survey of Wakf's properties in the State. The survey work is now in progress.

DEVELOPMENT OF SRAVANABELAGOLA, BILIGIRI RANGAN HILLS AND MAHADESWARA TEMPLE

Government have recently constituted *ad hoc* Committees to examine the facilities that are now existing at Sravanabelagola, Sri B. R. Hills and Sri Mahadeswara Temple and the further facilities that are to

be provided, the sources from which the requisite funds should be secured and to draw up a list of priorities in respect of various items of works to be attended to.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Towards the close of First Five-Year Plan, the Department of Statistics was created as an Independent and Full-fledged Department. During Second and Third Five-Year Plans, the staff at the Headquarters was strengthened and District Statistical Offices were started. A mechanical tabulation unit was established at the Headquarters.

During the First Five-Year Plan period, the Department was busy organising itself. Regular items of work such as Annual Agricultural Statistics, Crop Forecasts, Rainfall and Meteorology, Vital Statistics, Crop Surveys; etc., were attended to.

During the Second Five-Year Plan, these items were continued. In addition to these items, with the help of the staff appointed during the Second Plan, a number of items of work for improvement of the existing series and to fill up the gaps was taken up. Important among them are:— (1) Extension of crop surveys to non-food crops (2) working out estimates of income of the State for the years 1956–59 (3) Issues of the Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics (4) Issue of Mysore State in Maps (5) Issue of the Statistical Abstract (6) Analysis of Progress Reports from Development blocks (7) In service Training of Statistical personnel (8) Issue of a picture of Mysore Budget and (9) Undertaking a number (18) of *ad hoc* surveys on which Reports were issued. The Establishment of the District Statistical Agency improved to a considerable extent the quality of the several periodical returns relating to the items noted above. The establishment of the Mechanical Unit resulted in quick handling and processing of data.

During the Third Five-Year Plan so far, considerable progress has been achieved. The items referred to above were continued on a regular basis. Important of the achievements relating to improvements of old items and new items initiated are.—(1) to improve further the reliability of Agricultural Statistics, a new pahani tahkta together with corresponding compilation sheets at village and taluk level have been devised and introduced (2) the scale of supervision by statistical staff of crop-cutting experiments done by other Department has been increased, (3) weighted India numbers of wholesale prices were combuted (4) statistics of production of industries (5) local bodies statistics (6) quarterly and Annual Economic Reviews (7) further refinement of State Income Estimates and estimates upto 1960-61 are worked out (8) socio-economic data are being collected in collaboration with NSS of Government of India to have State level estimates (9) sample census of population and Sample Registration of births and deaths are undertaken (10) village level wokers records have been rationalised and introduced; while extension officers records are rationalised and they are pending approval of Government (11) introduction